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12 January 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR : Acting Chief, DPD

SUBJECT : Development Branch Activity Report, 4 - 8 January 1960

1. OXCART:

a. On 4 January, Mr. Bissell briefed senior personnel of [redacted] Pratt & Whitney, and [redacted] about the OXCART program, at East Hartford, Connecticut.

b. On 7 January, [redacted] Messrs. Kiefer and Parangosky met with Mr. Bissell for the purpose of reviewing the reports and recommendations made by Mr. C.L. Johnson concerning the air conditioning, autopilot, and inertial guidance systems for OXCART. It was affirmed that bids for the air conditioning system should be obtained by Mr. Johnson from [redacted]. It was the general conclusion that [redacted]

[redacted] appeared to be the best choice to supply both the autopilot and inertial guidance systems for OXCART. The question of contractual relationship, i.e., sub-contractor, associate prime and prime contractor, for the autopilot and inertial guidance systems was reviewed.

c. The monthly OXCART suppliers meeting has been set for 21 January in Washington. Two special preliminary meetings, devoted to a review of the status of the radar cross section and Perkin-Elmer camera for OXCART, will be held in Boston on 20 January. Dr. Baker will attend the camera session and Messrs. Land and Purcell will attend both the camera and radar cross section meetings. A memorandum regarding attendance at the 20 and 21 January meetings is being forwarded to the DD/P.

d. A meeting is scheduled for 15 January at Norwalk to review the status of the Perkin-Elmer camera. Dr. Baker and Messrs. Kiefer and [redacted] are scheduled to attend the meeting.

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f. [redacted] of Firewel reported that the revised Firewel OXCART proposal will be submitted the week of 11 January.

g. [redacted] of Eastman Kodak confirmed that E-K will have available, prior to the 21 January suppliers meeting, a camera proposal and cost estimate for OXCART.

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2. CORONA/ARGON:

- a. Activities - Meetings were held at BMD and Palo Alto to discuss problems concerned with contracts, funding, schedules, and the status of the next CORONA flight.
- b. Next Event - Technical review meeting called by Mr. Kiefer for 14 January.

3. CHALICE:

- a. A CHALICE Development Activity Program forwarded 23 December 1959 for consideration still is outstanding.
- b. [] has completed a study on cooling U-2 fuel, as requested by Headquarters, and a report will be forthcoming shortly.
- c. Upon receipt of views from field detachments, it was decided not to conduct U-2 engine icing tests.

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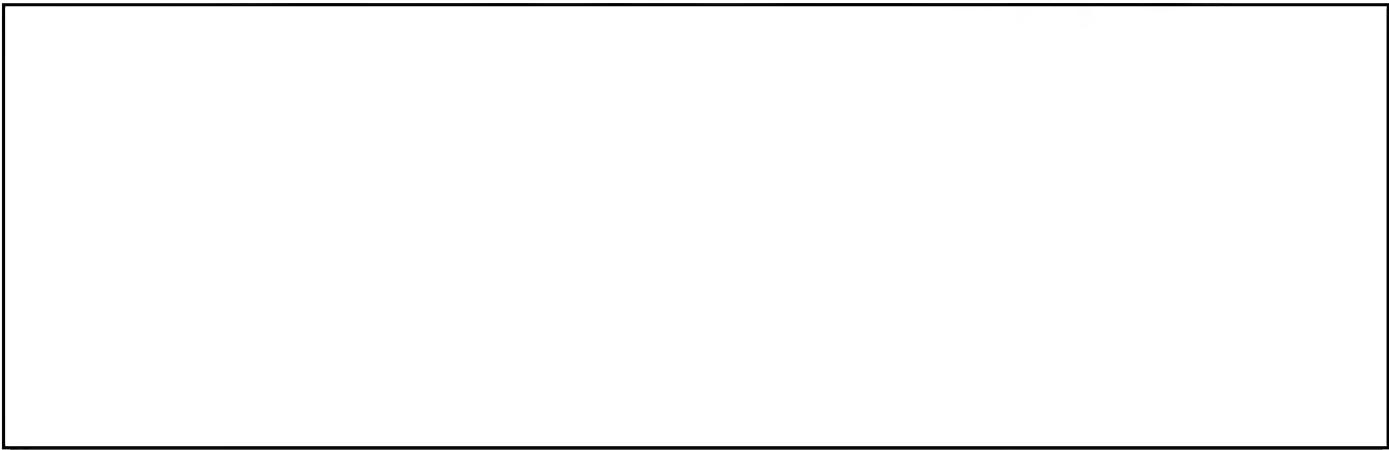


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